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## LEON TROTZKY SENDS MESSAGE TO OUTSIDE WORLD

### RUSSIA HAS QUIT FIGHTING

#### Soviet Government Is Anxious To Have No War and A Lasting Peace

BY LOUISE BRYANT  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
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MOSCOW. (By Wireless to Berlin),  
Dec. 21.—Soviet Russia will have its  
first peace Christmas this year since  
the creation of the soviet form of gov-  
ernment. This was the message sent  
to the outside world today by Leon  
Trotzky, people's commissar of war.  
Trotzky has just returned from South  
Russia where he directed military op-  
erations on the Crimean front. He  
says that Russia is not making any  
preparations for future fighting. All  
the energies of the soviet, he says, are  
now being turned toward the economic  
rebuilding of the country.

(NOTE.—According to press dis-  
patches from Constantinople, Soviet  
Russia has embarked on a new war in  
Persia, using troops that crushed Iran.  
Wang's anti-Bolshevik army, Con-  
stantinople reported that the Russian  
reds had invaded northwestern Persia  
and were advancing on Tabriz, over-  
coming all opposition.)  
Seated in his office, in the building  
of the Supreme Revolution War Coun-  
cil, Trotzky dictated the following  
statement:

"As to the situation on the fronts,  
I may say that at this moment we  
have no active front. In the south we  
have eliminated Wrangel. In the west  
and southwest we have eliminated Pe-  
tura and Balachovich. In the far east  
we have routed the legions of Semen-  
off. This is the first occasion in the  
past three years that the military sit-  
uation in Russia has given way to  
tranquillity. There is no fighting any-  
where just at present.

"The military reports from the  
fronts deal only with the re-organiza-  
tion of the Russian army. The Russian  
army with the enumeration of booty  
captured by our armies."

"How long do you expect this period  
of rest?" Trotzky was asked.

He replied:

"In this regard you ought to look  
for enlightenment beyond boundaries  
of Soviet Russia. In these official head-  
quarters where all plots and attacks  
and campaigns against Soviet Russia  
are being manufactured.

"We want lasting peace. We want  
peace before the Polish war broke out  
last spring. We would think that the  
entire world would grant concessions now  
that we have offered amnesty to the  
Wrangel crowd and in view of the  
utter hopelessness of their undertak-  
ing.

"Russian peace, however, was not  
wanted in Paris and London. The re-  
sult has been that a bitter struggle  
and immeasurable losses Poland  
not less than we had been offering her.  
Wrangel's adventure in South Russia  
swallowed up some tens of thousands  
of lives and a few billions of francs.  
The result is that Wrangel's hordes  
were annihilated.

"What do you regard as the chief  
problem of the moment?" Trotzky was  
asked. He responded:

"The economic problem. You know  
that I recently returned from the  
Donets basin where I together with a  
commission of the League of Nations  
and commissars studied conditions in  
the coal and iron fields. We learned  
that the metal industries and the coal  
mines in the Donets basin are now be-  
yond danger either from Armenia or  
from the Caucasus. It is quite possible to  
double or even triple the production of  
coal within the next few months. I  
am convinced that the measures taken  
by the government guarantees satis-  
factory results. We are restarting the  
big metal factories in the south. Rail-  
way transport is improving. The at-  
tention of the country is being directed  
from questions of politics and war to  
economic construction. We are  
very much interested in international  
trade. Still more we would like to be  
left in peace. On this condition we  
could pledge ourselves not to unsheathe  
the sword in the future."

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problems?" Trotzky was asked.  
He replied:

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### Did You Hear That

THE Elmer Phogleya of Rensselaer  
are the guests of Hammond relatives.

DODGE touring car No. 213220 was  
stolen from Steve Rocovich's home,  
543 Fields ave.

ELLIOT CONROY is back at work  
with the F. S. Betz Co., and is now in  
the traffic department.

CHRIST BITZER, 110 Fayette st.,  
had two suits of clothes stolen from  
his room Saturday night.

VERNE SUMMERS now has the big-  
gest little department store in In-  
diana and probably Illinois too.

FLOYD MURRAY has every reason  
to be proud of his Airdale hound. The  
brute is learning to play stud poker.

THE Edwards Valve Co. offices in  
Chicago have been closed and trans-  
ferred to the East Chicago plant sec-  
tion.

R. E. DAILY, of the American Mails  
has returned from an eastern trip. The  
plant is now operating 65 per cent cap-  
acity.

VALPARAISO is also being bother-  
ed by automobile thieves. The sheriff  
reports a Dodge touring car No. 188493  
stolen.

HAMMOND'S blue laws are coming  
back in vogue again as witnessed by  
the arrest last night of Max Heifer for  
operating a punch board.

YESTERDAY was the last day of  
the quail hunting season and Heaven  
help you if you are found with any  
quail in your possession today.

J. W. LEES, vice-president of the  
Inland Steel Co., is ill in the Pres-  
byterian hospital in Chicago. He was  
just about to go to California with  
Mrs. Lees.

A JACKSON seven passenger car  
was found burning on Forsythe ave.,  
just south of the Grand Calumet bridge  
this morning. The car bore Indiana  
license No. 232189.

A CERTAIN Hammond citizen has  
lived here ten years and has spent  
seven of them waiting for trains to  
pass, according to his own estimate.  
He is a crossing flagman.

"HOW many cars are there in the  
road race?" asked the cigar drummer  
in front of the Mcs Hotel, as he saw  
two yellow taxis scotching along at  
least 40 miles an hour down Hohman  
street.

ATTY. H. E. GRANGER took some  
limburger cheese home for mouse bait  
last night and before he realized the  
cause of the trouble, Mrs. Granger had  
compelled him to put on a new pair  
of socks.

VAUGHN PARRY, who has the  
mumps on two sides at least, is pre-  
paring affidavits that he had them on  
all four sides and expects to excite a  
good deal of jealousy among the other  
Homewood victims.

JOHN R. PARKER, paying toll for  
the Citizen's National Bank got his  
Christmas present pretty early this  
year. It's a baby girl and came yester-  
day. John feels like slipping an extra  
five to everybody.

THE marriage of George Debbins  
might have remained a secret, no tell-  
ing how long, if on inquiry by others  
regarding his stiff neck George had not  
inadvertently replied that he had had  
it ever since he was married.

NEWTON BEERS, famous mono-  
dramatic artist will characterize in  
monologue the play "Demon and Pythia"  
at the K. of P. hall Wednesday  
evening. He impersonates eleven dif-  
ferent characters during the evening.

EMIL MISCH, melter in the Inter-  
state's health department, who was in-  
jured recently in an automobile acci-  
dent, when his car was hit by a  
fast train at a grade crossing in Ham-  
mond, is well on the road to recovery.

IT'S now Ensign Samuel Hede-  
gard now when speaking the man in  
charge of the Salvation Army in Ham-  
mond. The former captain received the  
promotion this week at the hands of  
Commander Pearl of the Central dis-  
trict for efficient services.

FRANK MARTIN suggests that a  
supply of excavating tools be kept on  
each side of the State st. railroad  
tracks so that the waiting crowds may  
donate their service in digging the  
proposed subway. "It would take only  
a couple of days," says he.

JOHN FILAN and Maurice Cham-  
paign took their new colored heavy-  
weight up to Kid Howard's gym yester-  
day and met Benny Leonard, who  
presented Jack with a nifty Elk cane.  
Looks like Gus Mecker and Mike Kelly  
will have a little opposition now.

THE sixteenth dinner of the Indiana  
Society of Chicago, for which a num-  
ber of locals always put on the "soup  
and fish," has been postponed until  
Saturday evening, January 15. It will  
be given at the Drake hotel, the entire  
ballroom floor having been reserved for  
the occasion. Hostesses from all parts  
of the west as well as from Indiana  
and Chicago will be present.

J. L. B. looks with great admiration  
upon the stalwart westerner who, after  
being handed a French menu and  
writing pad in a cafe, studied the menu  
for awhile and wrote: "I slab of  
roast beef, 1 big gob of potatoes, 1  
meat of coffee, 1 cut of apple pie smear-  
ed with cream." And then he added:  
"I hunk of cheese." He at least, had  
the satisfaction of getting what he  
wanted.

### NEW ELOPEMENT AT IND. HARBOR

Fifteen Year Old Louise  
Bobbitt Weds Arthur Wal-  
sham at Crown Point

Indiana Harbor, whose name has  
been linked with several murders, rob-  
beries and other miscellaneous affairs  
of questionable character, has blossomed  
forth into a town of romance. During  
the past week, no less than four  
romances resulting in the same number  
of elopements have taken place.

The latest romance coming to light  
is that of pretty Louise Bobbitt, 15  
year old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Bob-  
bitt, of 3413 Grapevine st., who, with  
Arthur Walsham eloped to Crown Point  
and was married.

The romance began about 4 months  
ago when Walsham came to room at  
the Bobbitt home. Mrs. Bobbitt, who  
had been watching the two young peo-  
ple, noticed that a friendship had  
sprung up between them, and deter-  
mined that her daughter should not  
yet think too much of men, ordered  
Walsham to leave her home.

However, both young people planned  
to see each other despite the mother's  
objection.

Last Wednesday morning, Mrs. Bob-  
bitt went to the city to do some shop-  
ping, and while she was gone, Louise  
packed up her things and instead of  
going to work, met her "Romero" and  
together they proceeded to Crown Point  
where they were married.

Shortly after dinner, a telegram was  
received at the Bobbitt home from the  
young couple, asking forgiveness. Mrs.  
Bobbitt had not yet returned to her  
home from the city, a telegraph  
remained unanswered. This was the  
last word received from the elopers.

Mr. Walsham is a former dancing in-  
structor and is 25 years old, while the  
bride, formerly a cashier for the North-  
western Indiana Gas and Electric Company  
and is only 15 years old.

It is believed that the couple have  
gone to Kentucky where the parents  
of Mr. Walsham reside.

### HAMMOND MEN AT ROYAL JESTER MEETING

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 21.—Indi-  
anapolis Club No. 15 of the Order of  
Royal Jesters, held a ceremonial at the  
Hotel Severn Saturday afternoon and  
evening. Preceding a banquet, thirteen  
Indianapolis men were initiated. The  
Royal Jesters is a national social frater-  
nity, admission being limited to  
members of the Mystic Shrine. Fol-  
lowing the banquet officers were elect-  
ed as follows: Director, Chalmers  
Brown; Treasurer, Frank D. Stalnaker;  
Impresario, L. T. Leach; property  
man, F. A. Holmes; delegates to the  
national meeting, E. J. Schoonover and  
F. A. Holmes.

Visitors were present from a num-  
ber of cities, including Harry E.  
Sharrer and Virgil T. Reiter, Ham-  
mond, Ind.; Robert A. Woods, Colum-  
bus, O.; Herbert Graham, El Paso, Tex.,  
and Fred Raven and Charles Wacker-  
hager, of Chicago.

### NO WAY TO TREAT A SUIT OF CLOTHES

After his wife had ruined his new  
suit by allowing it to be washed in  
June, Amos A. Cooper of Hammond,  
left her and today filed suit for di-  
vorce in the Hammond superior court.

Amos and Margaret were married  
Oct. 12, 1916, and separated June 25,  
1920. He says that Margaret has an  
ungovernable temper, that she cursed  
and swore at him and even threatened  
to kill him. The last straw was when  
she became angry one day and spoiled  
his new suit. Mrs. Cooper now lives  
at 336 East State street. McMahon &  
Conroy are attorneys for the plaintiff.

BANK HEADS ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Thomas Farrow,  
head of Farrow's bank, which failed  
yesterday and the chief auditor, named  
Hunt, were arrested today in connec-  
tion with the failure. Detectives vis-  
ited Farrow's home with a warrant last  
night, but as the bank official  
was ill they consented to wait until  
today before serving it.

WOMAN IS IDENTIFIED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Though  
completely mystified as to the manner  
of her death, police believed at noon  
today they had identified the body of  
the fashionably dressed woman found  
on the sands of Long Beach last night  
as that of Mrs. John A. Lee, widow of  
a prominent physician of Brooklyn.  
Mr. Lee, who was head of the Kinke-  
ad Medical society, died about six  
months ago. He was a noted cancer  
expert.

DEATH OF MRS. W. S. THOMPSON

Mrs. W. S. Thompson of the Lyn-  
dora hotel died today suddenly at the  
home of her brother-in-law Sunday  
evening. She was 47 years of age. A  
husband and brother survive. The re-  
mains were sent to St. Louis, Mich.,  
for burial last night.

### ROTARY CLUB DISCUSSES CITY WATER SUPPLY

The Hammond Rotary Club at an  
enthusiastic meeting held at the Lyn-  
dora Hotel this noon heard a state-  
ment from City Chemist C. Van  
Schack regarding the Hammond wa-  
ter supply. The outstanding features  
of this report were:

1.—The city of Whiting and the  
Standard Oil Co., are polluting the  
water supplies of all of the cities of  
the region and must be forced to filter  
their sewage.

2.—The city of Hammond at a cost  
of \$1,000,000 must in the near future  
take up the matter of the purifica-  
tion of its water supply.

3.—The city of Hammond must in  
the near future at a cost of \$1,000,-  
000 build a gravity intake with which  
to reduce the cost of pumping water  
by pumping it from the center of  
distribution instead of from the lake  
shore.

4.—The present pumping equipment  
is declared by competent engineers to  
be wholly inadequate to take care of  
the needs of the city.

The whole burden of the talk was  
that a water supply crisis is upon the  
city of Hammond. A crisis that is  
far more serious than that of twenty  
years ago when the city was com-  
pelled to turn over its water system  
to a private company to be operated  
and financed until the city could again  
take it over.

When the matter was finally open  
for discussion to the members of the  
club, Roscoe E. Woods stated that the  
only immediate solution of the ques-  
tion of supply is the city wide instal-  
lation of meters.

The fact was pointed out that per-  
iodically the question of water supply  
is taken up and discussed by various  
civic bodies and the conclusion reach-  
ed that the solution is universal met-  
ing of the supply.

Then the question of meters is for-  
gotten or put aside for one reason or  
another. At the Kenwood indignation  
meeting the conclusion was that met-  
ers were the only solution but no  
action was taken. Now the city chem-  
ist questions whether or not the new  
booster pump will provide more than  
slightly additional water supply in the  
summer time.

Morse Dell Plain, vice-president of  
the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric  
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He stated that to increase the cap-  
acity of the present plant to provide  
enough water for the city under the  
present wasteful system would be to  
invest a cost so great that the in-  
terest on that investment for one year  
would pay for the installation of met-  
ers.

Mr. George Chapin stated that the  
teling of the water supply was the real  
solution and that running water  
through nozzleless hoses, using it for  
refrigerating purposes and wasting it  
in unneeded leaks in the plumbing  
was responsible for the lack of sup-  
ply that would be avoided under the  
metering plan.

Dr. E. M. Shanklin, President Thom-  
as R. Tennant, Oscar Krinbill and  
many others voiced the opinion that  
meters would save the city thousands  
of dollars in coal as soon as they were  
installed.

The question was introduced at the  
Rotary meeting by Dr. E. S. Jones,  
who is chairman of the special com-  
mittee which has in hand the ques-  
tion of the purification and supply of  
city water.

### PETITIONS MEET WITH MUCH FAVOR

Wonderful success has attended the  
work of the solicitors who were cir-  
culating the petitions asking the city  
council to back the proposition of  
erecting a memorial athletic park in  
Hammond.

Although the workers had only a  
short time in which to carry their pa-  
pers names have been secured from all  
parts of the city and from every walk  
of life. Seven of the petitions returned  
to the Monnett Smoke Shop last night  
carried nearly 400 signatures alone.

Other solicitors have fared equally  
well so that it is expected there will  
be several times the number of names  
required to make the petition legal.

The proposition will be presented  
at the city council this evening and if  
favorable action is taken a new mem-  
orial committee will be appointed by  
the mayor to investigate the matter,  
have plans and specifications prepared  
and report back to the council. Little  
objection is expected from members of  
the council as it is believed the move-  
ment has met with greater popular  
favor than anything attempted in  
years.

COURT DENIES R. R. MOTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The U. S.  
supreme court today denied the mo-  
tion of the Lehigh Valley Railroad  
company to modify the decree of the  
court ordering dissolution of its hard  
coal combination.

TWO BIG SHIPMENTS ARRIVE

Just received—Holiday stock of  
Johnston's and Whitman's candies in  
one, two and five pound boxes. Nel-  
son's Drug Store. 12-13-14

### FINDING BONDS MAY BE EXPENSIVE LUXURY

Gary Man May Find Him-  
self \$101,000 in Debt  
as a Result

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Some folks  
might figure themselves lucky to find  
\$100,000 in bonds for which no owner  
has been discovered. Carl Jagger, of  
Gary, Ind., whose wife picked up \$100,-  
000 worth of treasury certificates in a  
Chicago taxicab last May is beginning  
to think it is bad luck.

Federal authorities declare the bonds  
became income when they matured  
Sept. 14. Hence Carl may have to pay  
an income tax. Carl didn't earn the  
bonds; his wife found them. Inheri-  
tance tax due the government \$51,000.

Lawyers have discovered that Carl's  
wife had no legal right to remove  
property from a common carrier. They  
threaten a writ of replevin to restore  
the bonds to the taxicab company. If  
they get the writ, Carl says, he will  
be \$50,000 shy, because five of the  
bonds, worth \$10,000 each, have passed  
from his possession.

The net result is that if all these  
things happen, Carl may find himself  
\$101,000 or more in debt.

### STOCKS HIT TUBOGGAN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A sensation  
break of over 22 points from the early  
high in Replogle Steel furnished the  
fireworks on the stock market today.  
The market was nothing to account for the  
violent drop. The market being ex-  
pected to be depressed, prices had  
uncovered a weak spot in this issue.  
Vandalium Steel slumped nearly 7 points  
to 28 1/4.

These declines caused uneasiness in  
the industrials and many sold off  
to new low records for the year.  
Among them were Baldwin locomotive,  
International paper, Coca Cola, Chander-  
lier Motors, Pierce Arrow and Sinclair  
Oil. Steel common touched its previous  
low of the year at 78 1/4.

The unsettled continued as the  
session entered the final hour. Stop  
orders were uncovered on the de-  
cline which further aggravated the  
downward movement. New low for the  
year was made in nearly a score of  
issues.

Replogle Steel, after its violent  
break to 47 1/4, a loss of over 22 points  
from the morning high, came back to  
above 50. Steel common sold at 78 1/4,  
a new low for the year, and Baldwin  
dropped nearly four points to 32 1/4,  
a new low for the year. Crucible,  
Republic Steel and Bethlehem Steel B. all  
touched the lowest levels for the ses-  
sion during the afternoon.

The weakness extended to the rail-  
road and mining stocks. Southern Pacific  
dropped nearly 2 points to 34 1/4.

Mexican Petroleum after earlier  
strength at 139 slumped to 134. Pan  
American Petroleum and Royal Dutch  
fell over one point. Sinclair touched a  
new low mark at 29, and Houston Oil  
after selling up to 64, dropped to 61.

International Paper, Sears Roebuck,  
American Woolen, Pierce Arrow,  
Chandler Motors, Anaconda, American  
Smelting, Utah Copper and American  
Beet Sugar were among the more  
prominent issues that touched new low  
marks.

Roper Bros. Garage were summoned  
to pull in a Dodge car which was  
stranded a few miles from town but  
which bore an Illinois license number  
and upon telephoning to Valparaiso  
for the car number found it to be the  
car which was stolen. Night Watch-  
man Trager immediately placed the  
two men under arrest and they were  
taken to Valparaiso and lodged in jail.  
The men refused to give their names.  
The reason the car was stranded was  
due to the fact that the water was  
drained from the radiator which caused  
the motor to freeze after they were  
on the road for a few minutes and it  
was impossible for them to get the  
machine started.

Traverse Seven States  
Before They Can Wed

PITTSBURGH, Mass.—Owing to the  
law in many states prohibiting mar-  
riage between first cousins, Miss Rhoda  
Leutse Richardson and Harry Rich-  
ardson, both of Bay City, Mich.,  
travelled across seven states before  
finally finding a place where they  
could be legally married. Judge  
Charles L. Hibbard of the district  
court gave the couple a permit to  
marry without waiting the necessary  
five days after filing intentions to wed  
and the Rev. Franklin J. Kennedy per-  
formed the ceremony in the First  
Methodist church of which he is pas-  
tor. Both are 33 years old and both  
were born in England. They will re-  
turn to Bay City, where the bride-  
groom is employed as a machinist.

DE VALERA NOT ABOARD

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Dec. 21.—  
The Cunard liner Aquitania, which ar-  
rived here today from New York was  
searched by secret service agents for  
Eamon de Valera, president of the  
Irish republic, who was reported to be  
on board. The detectives were unable  
to find any trace of De Valera and re-  
ported that they were satisfied that he  
was not on board.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS. Holiday  
slippers, attractive assortment. Silk  
hosiery for women and men at Heller-  
man's, 595 Hohman street. 12-21-14

### BANDITS GET \$16,000 IN TOLEDO RAID

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 21.—One of the  
boldest robberies in the history of To-  
ledo was committed late yesterday af-  
ternoon when five masked bandits held  
up employees of the American Express  
Co. and made good their escape with a  
small safe containing \$16,000. Another  
safe containing \$55,000 had been re-  
moved from the express office an hour  
earlier and it is believed the bandits  
were after this safe. As the employees  
of the express company were about to  
place the safe on a truck at the rear  
of the express office they were met by  
the five men with shot-guns and driv-  
ing back into the building while the  
bandits loaded the safe into an auto-  
mobile and made good their escape.  
No clue to the robbers has been found.

ST. RAILWAY FARE HEARING STARTS TODAY

Hearing on the petition of the H. W.  
& E. C. street railway company for an  
extension of the order of the Public  
Service Commission granting the eight  
cent fare in Hammond, Whiting and  
East Chicago is being conducted at the  
court house in Hammond today.

President O. G. Talmadge, members  
of his operating and auditing depart-  
ments and Attorney Fred Crandall  
are representing the street car com-  
pany in the hearing before Commissioner  
Van Auker. The cities of Hammond  
and East Chicago are represented by  
Attorneys McMahon and Crites, respec-  
tively. For some reason Whiting is  
taking no part in the matter.

The company filed as exhibits figures  
compiled by its auditor showing the  
receipts and costs of operation under  
the eight-cent fare from the time it  
was granted July 1 to November 23.  
Receipts and costs under the five-cent  
and seven-cent fares were also shown.

Much of the morning session was spent  
in answering questions from the city  
attorneys of Hammond and East Chi-  
cago tending to clarify the figures  
which had been submitted.

The company contends that the same  
emergency now exists as on July 1  
when because of increased operating  
costs the higher fare was granted by  
the Public Service Commission.

CAR THIEVES ARE NABBED AT HOBART

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

HOBART, Ind., Dec. 21.—Two pro-  
fessional automobile thieves were cap-  
tured here Saturday evening when a  
prominent Valparaiso farmer drove his  
Dodge car into Valparaiso Saturday  
evening and while transacting business  
in town had drained the water from  
his radiator so that the car would not  
freeze. As soon as he discovered the  
car to be stolen he telephoned the sur-  
rounding cities to be on the alert for  
the car.